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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO MRS. MICHELLE OBAMA,
WIFE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT, FROM NIGERIAN FIRST LADY

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1. Below is the text of a congratulatory message to Mrs. Michelle Obama, wife of President-Elect Barack Obama, from Turai Umaru Yar'Adua, the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The original letter will be sent via diplomatic pouch.

2. Text of letter:

5th November, 2008

Mrs. Michelle Barack Obama
Wife of the President-Elect
United States of America
U.S.A.

My Dear Sister,

Congratulatory Message

On Tuesday November 4, 2008, the world and indeed the entire Black Race witnessed yet another historic moment of the 21st Century, the election of Senator Barack Obama as the new President of the United States of America come 20th January, 2009. I wish on behalf of my family and the Nigerian Women to congratulate you and your dear husband for his resounding victory at the just concluded US election.

I wish to use this opportunity to convey to you my fullest cooperation as you assume the First Lady of the United States of America and look forward to collaborating with you in the promotion of the Status of African Women and Children under the wise leadership of President-Elect, Barack Obama.

Please accept, dear Sister, the assurances of my highest consideration and personal esteem.

(signature)
Turai Umaru Yar'Adua
First Lady
Federal Republic of Nigeria

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